

HIGH SCHOOL CADETS DRILL DILIGENTLY FOR MAY COMPETITIVE

BRIGADE LOOKS FORWARD TO BIG DAY

Rippling of Enthusiasm Starts Spirit of Rivalry Brewing for Grand Climax to Take Place in American League Park About Two Months From Now.

By EDWARD J. DUFFY.
VERY Capital High School student is beginning to manifest an active interest in its chance to win the coveted competitive drill flags this year, with each rival possessing the best opportunity in its history for victory.

Already the symptoms, which are due to stir up a vast caldron of partisanship between school supporters, can be detected by the zealous captains, who drill their companies twice a week.

"Men, the time is coming for you to show your metal! Let's get down to hard work and no play,"—as one company commander addressed his platoons last week,—"about expresses the cadets' attitude toward the imminence of the final and biggest drill day."

SNAP MARKS FORMATIONS.

Snappy execution of commands, which is getting to be more the rule than the exception in the majority of companies, shows the hard work put in by the cadets during the fall and winter is obtaining results. More than one company is qualified today to step on the competitive drill field and give a good account of itself, and one of the problems of commanders is to keep their men keyed up to the pitch which will produce the best they have.

There is very little danger of overdrilling the boys, however, as the varied maneuvers each company must learn leaves a wide field for preparation. Some companies have not had the proper equipment for a very long time, and it is these which have to learn such elementary procedure yet.

The science of military tactics, which has not been taught cadets for long, is interesting the commissioned and higher non-commissioned officers these days. The war games, being played for the first time on sand terrains constructed in different schools, have proven an invaluable aid to the students interested in cadet work. PREPARE "THE ADJUTANT."

The official program of the "Big Day," traditionally, entitled "The Adjutant," is being prepared for publication by the student staff, headed by the cadet brigade commander, Col. Oscar M. Shaw, of McKinley Manual Training School. This book promises to be the best issue of its kind, as every variety of cadet activity, news and interest will be included. The experiment of issuing "The Adjutant" under student management will be watched with interest, as some doubt the wisdom of placing the management of this important institution under students. A very competent staff is working, however, and, with the major part of the photography already done, it is hoped and believed the book will be up to expectations and ready in plenty of time for the competitive drill.

For many years the High School Cadet Brigade has been one of the prime factors which make students' life worth while. It has grown in leaps and bounds, now numbering regiments where companies were before, and thousands in the ranks where hundreds were before. For this reason it has been said the forthcoming drill will be the best in local history. CAPTAINS EFFICIENT.

The choice of officers this year, made up under the admirable supervision of Col. Wallace Craigie, was very well carried out. Every company leader is unqualifiedly competent to instill in his men the will to win, and this personal quality has had much to do with the rapid development of the 1921-22 companies.

The heart-to-heart talks given by company captains already has brought results in promoting school spirit at every school. The cadets are looked to on every occasion which warrants something to be done. The leaders not only instruct their men—they inspire them to good work in studies and to exposition of the fundamental American principles of fair play.

The high school girls are behind the companies, and promise to do even better than last year, when each command was presented with a banner and was represented by one girl. It is probable similar plans will be carried out this year, and it will help very much, for, though the cadets are all boys, there are very few who would admit the girls have not a hand in helping them to do their very best. Competitive drill day will find the scholastic athletes in a back seat, while the Eastern, Western, Tech, Business and Central girls will cheer their military friends to excellent performances.

TECH'S PRINCIPAL



Frank C. Daniel, who, in the eyes of those who know him could not be improved upon.

(T. S. P. C.)

TECH ACTIVITIES ARE LEADING TO BIG CLIMAX

By T. S. P. C.

Tech's annual spring play will be given this year in the Central Auditorium on the nights of March 23, 24 and 25.

The program for the play should be an interesting one, as the members of the cast were selected from the student body by competitive try-outs.

It is interesting to note that the play is the largest production ever attempted by Tech. The cast contains over 100 students, many of whom took part in last year's spring play. Added features will be the excellent scenery and the music furnished by the Tech orchestra.

The cadets are working extra hard, now that the competitive drill is only two months off. With the arrival of the new Springfield rifles, greater interest is being shown.

Tech has six infantry companies, i. e., two field battalions, a medical company, and a band, which gives her several chances to win the competitive drill.

Tech's baseball recruits have started training, and from present appearances the coming baseball season will be one in which Tech will shine.

The election for cheer-leaders will take place soon. Judging from past cheer-leaders, it is hoped that the coming ones will go past the usual standard.

The work on the "Techite," Tech's year book, is being completed in earnest by the members of the staff. Pictures of all the classes were taken last week and the organizations will be taken in the near future.

Rifle Captains Chosen at W. H. S.

Karla Heurich and Eleanor Barroll are the two captains chosen to pick teams to contend in the match which will be staged soon by the Girls' Rifle Club. The former made 94 out of a possible 100, while Eleanor Barroll made 91, when all the members in the club competed for these positions. Both girls are excellent shots and have made good scores through the season. Rachel Clarke, a close third, has always made a high score expected of her and will be an asset to either team. Evelyn Preble is another one of those good shots, while Hazel Crist manages a gun in such a way that she has a very high average beside her name. In fact, these two are not far behind the captains and Rachel Clarke.

Central Brecky Staff is Working

Both the literary and business staffs of the Central Brecky are progressing rapidly. The first payment on the Brecky has fallen due and the business staff has been busy ever since collecting the money. The advertising staff, after much hard work, has nearly doubled the amount of advertisements had last year. Many have already had pictures taken because of the industrious photographic manager, Tom Locraft.

Many are wondering when the Brecky will come out. It should be remembered that there is a great deal of work in getting out a high school yearbook. If everything goes as smoothly as it has been going, the Brecky will come out on time.

Western's Creed Is One for Betterment of Students and School

The following is the Westerners' creed, published in the Western Breeze. It is one of the best "creeds" ever adopted in District schools. The novel form reads: "I believe in the Western High School as an institution of learning, whose members work together to uphold the high standards of sportsmanship, scholarship, and honor which the Westerners of former times have developed.

"I, therefore, believe it is my duty to my school to love it, to obey its rules, to respect its colors, and to uphold and defend its good name."

Friendship Girls Give Well Acted Play at Business

At a general assembly at Business High School recently the play, "A Musical Romance," was given by the Amikco Friendship Club. The play was the story of Annie Laurie and Robin Adair, and all of the parts were taken by girls, the cast including: Robin Adair, Margaret McClosky; Annie Laurie, Elizabeth Townsend; Aunt Diana, Mattie Gary; Aunt Diana's husband, Regina Scholer. The members of the chorus were: Blanche Keefe, Margaret Burns, Ryma Oliver, Gertrude Schneide, Thyra Steers, Mary Sanbury, Gertrude Kidwell, Leah Sykes, Winona Platz, Margaret Berkman, Gertrude Spelden.

The acting of Margaret McClosky as Robin Adair, and of Elizabeth Townsend, as Annie Laurie, was exceptionally good; Misses Agnes Lynch and Madeline Keyes delighted the audience with their dances. During the intermission, Miss Marie Collins and Mr. Eugene Lorenz gave a cornet duet. They played the following selections: "There's a Sigh in the Heart," and "Larboard Watch."

Western's Co. "K" Show Fine Drilling

K Company, of Western, is putting up a first-rate drill which is remarkable as to snap and machine-like precision. Competitive inspections are held every drill day, in which the corporals pick the man to represent their squads, from whom the lieutenants pick the man to represent their platoons. Captain Hazel inspects the two men and makes the final decision. The men take great interest in these competitive and work hard to gain the honor of being selected. Private Orrick, of the sixth squad, was the winner of one competitive, with Private Chandler, of the first squad runner-up. In this competitive, Col. Craigie, U. S. A., the military instructor for the District High Schools, passed the final judgment. He complimented the two men on their inspection and the company on its spirit.

At this time of the year there has usually been a drop in the efficiency and the spirit, but this year there were absolutely no signs of it in K Company. It worked quite the other way and K Company is making a noticeable advance toward the perfection of certain movements. There is a steady grind in K Company at every drill coupled with precision and determination, and the feeling is that that company will answer for itself in most satisfactory terms.

BUSINESS CAMPAIGNS FOR MODERN BUILDING

By ALFRED J. MCGARRAGHY, Editor "The Balance Sheet."

THE need of a new building for Business to adequately accommodate the students desiring to prepare for a business future is so very apparent by the mere recitation of a few simple facts it would seem that the campaign for a new building should speedily reach a successful conclusion. However, experience teaches us that even the most worthy cause without conflicting interests cannot succeed in a day; and, therefore, when we consider the present school situation, we know that the campaign now being waged will be an exceptionally hard one calling for the united support of all students and friends of Business.

STRUGGLE FOR VICTORY. There is consolation in the thought that the harder the struggle may be the more enjoyment and satisfaction will be had with its successful termination. And this realization is even greater when we consider that whatever we can do is done unselfishly and in the interest of those who come after us and of alma mater.

Securing an appropriation for a new building for the Business High School is a process requiring continuous effort on the part of those in charge of the campaign. Briefly, the procedure is like this: The school authorities prepare estimates which go to the Commissioners of the District, who, after examination and possibly the elimination of items, send them to the budget bureau. The director of the budget examines the estimates and makes any changes that he deems advisable, and they are then forwarded through the president to Congress. The House of Representatives acts on them first, after investigation and report by the District of Columbia subcommittee of its Appropriation Committee.

THEN UP TO SENATE.

After the House has passed the bill it goes to the Senate for action, which, likewise, is based upon report by its District Committee. Any differences between the bill as passed by the House and the one passed by the Senate are adjusted in conference, after which it is sent to the President for approval.

When we consider this process we must realize how necessary it is to bring to the attention of the general public and of the authorities involved the immediate need of a new building if the students of Business High are to receive the kind of an education that they and their parents and the business interests of Washington have a right to expect and demand.

It is unnecessary to tell students why a new building is required; they know from actual experience the handicaps and inconveniences which they have suffered on account of the present crowded condition of the school. Nor is it necessary to tell the teachers that the school is attempting more than its capacity justifies; they know only too well that their work of administration and teaching is made most difficult and that such crowded condition is not conducive to the achievement of the best education results.

UP TO INDIVIDUALS.

What we must do, however, is to lend our efforts individually and as a unit to bringing to the attention of the proper authorities the existing condition at Business. It is through public opinion that the issue will finally be settled. The organizations of the school feel safe in pledging to the alumni the united support of the student body in any way that they may assist this most worthy effort.

Virginia Tempts Tech Senior Class

The University of Virginia has acquired quite a following in the senior and lower classes at Tech, since the description of that institution given by Mr. McNair. Mr. McNair presented the school with a group of pictures of the University, as a token of esteem from the eight Tech men now in attendance there.

Mr. McNair gave a brief talk on the advantages offered by Virginia. The school is located within only a few hours' ride of Washington, in the midst of the mountains of the Old Dominion. The institution was founded by Thomas Jefferson and has since held a high place among Eastern colleges. Courses are offered in the sciences, fine and liberal arts, engineering, and graduate work in law and medicine.

Mr. Daniel accepted the handsome framed set of views in behalf of the school.

Have Pictures Taken.

The members of the high school senior classes have begun haunting the photographer's parlors in their efforts to have portrayed their very best looks. In a short while all of them will know how they look, and some have even begun to practice a slow, measured stride for the graduating exercises.

B. H. S. WORKER



ALFRED MCGARRAGHY, Editor of "The Balance Sheet" and leader of the Orange and Blue debaters, who here sets forth his reasons why his school should be given much needed improvement.

Cadet Spirit at Eastern Better With Every Drill

Simultaneous with the fall of the thermometer there seems to be an increase in the spirit of the Eastern cadets. The former trouble with the discipline has been almost entirely eliminated, and the quality of the drill shown lately has been higher than that displayed two months ago. However, there are still several factors which retard the drill of the companies. One of these is the monotony of close order drill without equipment.

There has been some delay about the issuance of the new rifles, and this has caused more time to be spent on company drill than would otherwise have been necessary. Another cause of loss of efficiency is the extremely poor attendance at drill which, combined with the already reduced numbers in the ranks, makes it more difficult to get a good drill. There has been considerable loss of time lately, due to bad weather. Eastern cannot drill in the corridors.

At one of the regular officers' meetings at the Franklin School, the war game schedule was arranged. In the preliminaries, Company F plays Company E of Central, on February 28; Company G plays Company A of Central, on March 21; and Company D plays Company H of Tech, on March 14. The company teams practice every few days, on notice from the captains. All officers and non-commissioned officers attend these practices. The captains are in need of as much material as possible.

Disaster Victim Returns to School

Robert Williams, of Tech, who received painful, though not severe injuries when the roof of the Knickerbocker collapsed, is now attending classes at school. While his wounds have not yet completely healed, he is on the way to recovery, and will probably suffer no permanent disablement.

Williams' case was one of those in which chance—a mere incident—played a heavy role. Upon entering the theater with a party of friends, Williams for some unaccountable reason chose a seat in the last row of the mezzanine, while seats were available at any part of the house. To this circumstance, Williams probably owes his life. Those in the rows in front of him were killed or fatally injured. Elliot Branbaugh, also of Tech, received more painful and serious injuries. He is at present convalescing at his home on Blittmore street, and will probably be unable to return to school for some weeks.

Inspection Held.

At an inspection in H Company of Western the captain marked the men according to the number of demerits due to each one for imperfect appearance, and found that Corporal Smith and Privates Hill and Miller, presented the best inspection record.

H Company extended a vote of thanks to the Girls W Club for their gift of the H Company banner which will be of the greatest service on numerous occasions throughout the year.

SPRING PLAYS GO ON AS USUAL

Drastric Orders Affecting Use of Auditoriums Changed by Commissioners Last Week.

By JAMES E. ASWELL, Jr.
THE jinx that has been dampening the hopes of Washington high school dramatists has flown. School auditoriums will be available for the long-looked-forward-to spring plays, the District Commissioners having modified their original rather drastic orders to close the halls.

For several weeks, members of the casts of coming productions and high school pupils as a body have had serious apprehensions lest their annual plays, which are the engenderers of so much interest and enjoyment, should find themselves without accommodations for production.

When orders to close the auditoriums were first received, amazement was expressed in many quarters at some of the halls being considered dangerous by fire chiefs.

NO EXCEPTIONS MADE.

It was especially surprising that the new and spacious Central auditorium should have been deemed hazardous in case of fire. The chamber inspires one with a sense of complete safety from the time of entering it—with its massive size and numerous exits. Lack of an adequate water supply nearby was the principal reason, it is understood, for recommendations in this case.

It was an occasion of much rejoicing among amateur dramatic enthusiasts when it became known last week that the commissioners had determined on a milder policy for recommendation to the board of education. Many of these have worked hard since the beginning of the present school year for parts in the spring plays and it would have been a crushing disappointment to know the performances had been called off.

The presence of movable, and inflammable scenery seems to be the principal concern of the Commissioners and fire officials. In some cases a restriction on seating capacity was also laid. Beyond these precautions, however, most halls will continue in use as heretofore. The recommendations, which apply to the junior and senior high schools, were drawn up following a conference of the commissioners, and the session of a special committee headed by E. C. Graham. Mr. Graham termed the indication of seating capacity a good measure.

SUGGESTIONS

Here are the specific recommendations, as they apply to the various high schools:

Central High School—Except in case of plays involving movable scenery, use of auditorium not restricted. Performances only for school purposes (this includes plays) are to be given. Scenery must be restricted to a minimum.

McKinley—Seating capacity, 700; platform too small for use of scenery.

Wilson Normal—Take all scenery from hall. Use to full capacity of 500.

Eastern—For school use, capacity 550; other purposes not over 300. Without scenery use auditorium to full capacity of 740. Moving picture booth must be discontinued until fire regulations are complied with.

The Board of Education immediately decided, upon receipt of same, to adopt the suggestions of the Commissioners as a policy.

So the spring plays will be given as usual, according to present prospects. And most of them will be good ones. Central has just announced the play of her choice, "Seven Keys to Baldpate," with an excellent cast headed by David Tavan and James Corey. Plans for plays at other schools are well under way.

Chess Attracts Western Students

A chess club is being organized by a few ardent followers of the game at Western. All students who have any knowledge of chess have been invited to join. It is the plan of the members to group the players into teams according to their worth, in order to compete with other clubs of the city. Those who wish to learn to play have been cordially invited to come to the club meetings. It is the sincere aim of the chess players to make the club a success and thereby reap new laurels for Western.

LIVE WIRES In the High Schools



HERBERT SANFORD, Editor of the Central Bulletin. One of the Blue and White's most energetic authors, he is also an accomplished musician and is working to make the Central Senior From a memorable occasion.

Foreigner Tells What He Admires About Central H.

Central recently had the advantage of foreign comment upon itself and its activities when Coshito Ito, a professor in a school in the Tokyo prefecture of Japan, paid a two-day visit and examined the institution from cellar to roof.

Mr. Doolittle formed the special bodyguard of the guest, showing him around the building and explaining its workings and intricacies. After his first day, Mr. Ito was so enthralled with the big school, which he had not had sufficient time to examine completely, that he returned next day.

He visited several classes, inspected the bank, the gym, the lunchroom, the pool, and the armory, and was much interested in the various shops and also in the laboratories and experimental rooms. The library attracted him, and the big auditorium, with all the equipment of the modern theater, was made a careful study.

He asked for copies of the school publications, and requested that Central exchange with his school in Japan.

Mr. Ito is making a tour of schools throughout practically all of North America and Europe. He has now left to visit the centers of learning in England and France. As an educated gentleman of the Orient, who is sufficiently familiar with Occidental methods of education to speak intelligently of them, Mr. Ito's comments on Central should be of special interest. He appeared delighted with the school as he found it, and seemed to have nothing but praise for Central.

Tech Has Sand Table For Games

By T. S. P. C.
For the past few weeks the Tech lunch-room has been decorated with an object which has been viewed with much suspicion and curiosity by those who gather in Tech's famous food emporium. It has been the target, not only of many pointed remarks but also many empty bottles which rookies have parked there rather than carry across the lunch-room to their proper place.

But "listen, my children, and you shall hear;" the mysterious contrivance is a sand table, which is at present very much minus the sand. However, when the debris is removed and the table arranged as it should be, it will contain a layer of sand about a foot deep, the top of which will be carved to represent the topography of some area of the country.

"Well," the uninitiated remark, "now you got it, watchagonno do with it?" That may be easily explained.

The map which will be carved as aforesaid, to represent some actual region, will have on it, roads, highways, towns, farms, and, in fact, everything which goes to make up the average countryside. In this condition it will be used by the various war game teams of the regiment to practice their art upon. It is thought that this graphic method of playing war games will make those events more interesting to all concerned and will enable them to better understand the principles involved.

Tech Cadet Dance.

Company "B," of Tech, held its annual dance St. Patrick's night at the Cairo, which has been the scene of most of the cadet affairs this year.

WESTERN BOOK BOUND FOR SUCCESS

Subscription Campaign Started to Insure Large Circulation of Yearbook

By HARRY S. JUNG.
THE Western Year book, an annual publication called the "Westerner," which is a review of the events of the two foregoing semesters, has begun a campaign for subscriptions to its 1922 issue which will come out early in June and expects to meet with an enthusiastic response from the student body.

This year the "Westerner" will sell for \$3 per copy, the same price as that of last year's publication. The first installment is now being collected by the agents in each of the classrooms. They report the campaign is meeting with success.

Henry Morgan, who was recently appointed business manager of the Annual, is making arrangements for advertising copy. The rates are reasonable, and Mr. Morgan is confident of having the advertising pages of the "Westerner" full.

COMMISSION PAID.

The management has announced that a commission of 10 per cent will be paid on all advertising copy obtained by the students of the school, and many enterprising students are already visiting the business houses of the city to solicit ads.

The year book of 1922 is being planned along practically the same lines as that of 1921, but on a somewhat larger scale. There will be a section devoted to each of the organizations of Western, a section for each sport and school activity, pictures of each of the graduates, pictures of the teams, the cadet companies, the various clubs and other organizations. There will also be a great many snapshots of incidents which took place about the school.

These interesting features, combined with a humor section and cartoons and drawings by the talented members of the school, will probably make the Annual more successful than any of the preceding year books.

WESTERN JOTTINGS.

Paul Frisby, who has the best record of any man on the basketball team who will be at Western next year, was unanimously elected captain of the 1922-23 basketball team at a recent meeting of this year's quintet.

The Civic Association of Western High School has unanimously elected Maurice Hoffman, president, with Catherine Ellis, vice president; Helen Newman, secretary, and William Meloy, sergeant-at-arms.

Margaret Bain Leads Western Dramatic Club

Margaret Bain was elected president of the Western Dramatic Association at the last meeting. The other new officers for this semester are: Orme Libbey, vice president; Margaret Reese, secretary; William Brown, treasurer.

At a previous meeting it was decided that some sort of a pin or emblem should be awarded to those members of the club who have appeared in productions at Western. Alfred May, as chairman of the committee to select the pin, exhibited one for the approval of the members. It was voted upon and accepted. Those who are entitled to pins are the following: Millard Lewis, Siebert Strayer, Orme Libbey, Helen Newman, Carl Worcester, Robert Lamb, Margaret Bain, Helen Webster, Ellen Stuart, Alfred May, Robert Armstrong, John Dawson, Alva Daughton, William Brown, Henrietta Hall and Otis Turner.

Mrs. H. Foster Bain, one of Western's best friends, has been so enthusiastic in helping and directing productions of the dramatic association that she was voted an honorary member of the club. This is only a slight demonstration of the appreciation that is felt for Mrs. Bain by the association.

Teacher Returns.

Miss Sabine, one of Central's most popular English teachers, has returned after a lengthy absence.

Those who know Miss Sabine are glad to have her at Central once more. She has been away from Central for two years on account of illness.

Secretary Elected.

Ivy Bruce was elected secretary of the Western Spanish Club, to succeed John Paul Jones, at the last meeting of "El Español." Although the meeting was not well attended, it proved to be one of the most interesting the club has had.